

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
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	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
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1.  This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 3-21-2006 and Examiner's Amendment on 6-07-2006.

2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14, 16-26, Renumbered as 1-25.

3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:

1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.

3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached  
1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

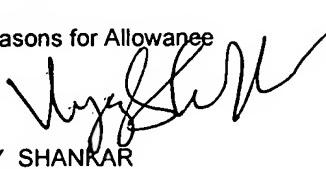
(b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of  
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
- 5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.



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### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jose Garcia on June 7, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1) Claim 1, line 7; Claim 19, line 7; insert " hollow " before " interlocking ".

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

2. Claims 1-14 and 16-26 are allowed.
3. The prior arts Liu, Moller et al, Canova et al, Shatkin, Ambasz, Ju, Brewer, Varveris, fails to recite or disclose the uniquely distinct features, a bendable stylus for use with a miniaturized portable electronic device, the bendable stylus comprising an elastic member, a first end cap tapered to a point and coupled to the elastic member wherein the first end cap is for interfacing with an electronic digitizer of the portable electronic device, a second end cap coupled to the elastic member; and a plurality of hollow interlocking mid-segments coupled to the elastic member between the first end cap and the second end cap as claimed in Claim 19.

The prior arts Liu, Moller et al, Canova et al, Shatkin, Ambasz, Ju, Brewer, Varveris, fails to recite or disclose the uniquely distinct features, a portable electronic device comprising: a touch sensitive display screen coupled to the bus; and a stylus comprising: an elastic member, a first end cap tapered to a point and coupled to the elastic member wherein the first end cap is for interfacing with an electronic digitizer of the portable electronic device, a second end cap coupled to the elastic member; and a plurality of hollow interlocking mid-segments coupled to the elastic member between the first end cap and the second end cap as claimed in

Claim 9.

The prior arts Liu, Moller et al, Canova et al, Shatkin, Ambasz, Ju, Brewer, Varveris, fails to recite or disclose the uniquely distinct features, a stylus comprising: an elastic member, a first end cap tapered to a point and coupled to the elastic member wherein the first end cap is for interfacing with an electronic digitizer of the portable electronic device, a second end cap coupled to the elastic member; and a plurality of hollow interlocking mid-segments coupled to the elastic member between the first end cap and the second end cap as claimed in

Claim 1.

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The closest prior art, Liu, Moller et al, Canova et al, Shatkin, Ambasz, Ju, Brewer, Varveris, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above bold and underlined limitations obvious.

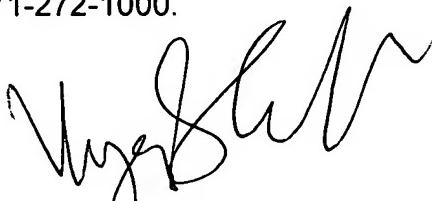
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VIJAY SHANKAR whose telephone number is (571) 272-7682. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, BIPIN SHALWALA can be reached on (571) 272-7681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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